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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON VISITING JUSO
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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION
ON THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE USIS-ARRANGED VISIT BY 6
JUSOS TO USNATO AND USEC JANUARY 13-14.

2. HEIDEMARIE WIECZOREK-ZEUL, NATIONAL JUSOS CHAIRMAN.
BORN IN FRANKFURT 1942, WIECZOREK-
ZEUL STUDIED AT THE PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE IN FRANKFURT.
IN 1965 SHE MARRIED NORBERT WIECZOREK, AN ASSISTANT IN
THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF AACHEN UNIVERSITY AND A YEAR
LATER BEGAN TEACHING SCHOOL. SHE BEGAN AN ACTIVE
POLITICAL CAREER IN 1965 AND HAS HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS
BOTH WITHIN THE JUSOS AND THE SPD A MEMBER OF THE
JUSO LEFT-WING SHE HAS AS NATIONAL JUSO CHAIRMAN MADE
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NUMEROUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT HAVE DISPLEASED PARTY

LEADERS. SHE HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF NATO IN THE PAST. IN A TV PROGRAM ON APRIL 1, 1974 SHE DESCRIBED THE THREE MAIN PURPOSES OF NATO AS: (A) TO PROTECT AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN EUROPE; (B) TO SERVE AS AN AMERICAN INSTRUMENT TO PREVENT THE SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE; (C) TO SUPPORT FASCIST REGIMES. LATER SHE DESCRIBED THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL HAIG AS "POLITICALLY BEYOND ENDURANCE".

3. KARSTEN VOIGT, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRANKFURT SPD AND FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE JUSOS. BORN 1941 IN ELMSHORN/HOLSTEIN, VOIGT STUDIED HISTORY AS WELL AS GERMAN AND SCANDINAVIAN PHILOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN AND FRANKFURT. HE IS EMPLOYED AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD IN THE FRANKFURT ADULT EDUCATION CENTER. A MEMBER OF THE SPD LEFT-WING HE HAS HOWEVER OPPOSED THE EXTREME LEFT-WING GROUP WITHIN THE JUSOS (THE STAMOKAPS). VOIGT IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND ALTHOUGH HE IS IDEOLOGICALLY ON THE LEFT HE RETAINS A MORE OPEN MIND AND INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY THAN MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES. VOIGT TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DECISION OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG (BW) JUSOS LAST OCTOBER CONCERNING SECURITY POLICY. THE KEY STATEMENT IN THE B-W PAPER ACCORDING TO VOIGT WAS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE JUSOS IN THE LONG-TERM WANTED THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF MILITARY BLOCS REPLACED BY A COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, THEY BELIEVE THIS CHANGE CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH A GRADUAL PROCESS. HE STRESSED TO EMBOFF THAT THE JUSOS DID NOT CALL FOR FRG WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO.

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4. JOHANO STRASSER, DEPUTY JUSO NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH. BORN IN 1939 IN LEENWARDEN/NETHERLANDS STRASSER RECEIVED HIS PHD IN 1967. HE WAS ELECTED RECTOR AT THE BERLIN PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE IN 1973 BUT THE SPD BERLIN SENATOR FOR SCIENCE AND CULTURE REFUSED TO APPROVE HIS APPOINTMENT.

STRASSER
IS THE LEADING IDEOLOGIST IN THE JUSOS AND A MEMBER OF THE LEFT-WING.

5. REIMUND SEIDELMANN, MEMBER OF THE JUSO WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY POLICY.

6. MANFRED ROHDE, MEMBER OF THE JUSO WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY POLICY.

7. FRITZ ROLL, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH AND MEMBER OF THE JUSO WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY POLICY.

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8. COMMENT: WIECZOREK-ZEUL, VOIGT AND STRASSER ARE EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE AND VETERAN POLITICAL DEBATERS. WHILE THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF NATO AS WELL AS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (WHICH AMONG JUSO LEFT-WINGERS IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION AND EXPLOITATIVE CAPITALISM) THEY ARE KEY FIGURES IN AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF GERMAN POLITICAL LIFE. THE EMBASSY IS APPRECIATIVE OF EFFORTS MADE BY THE MISSIONS IN BRUSSELS TO PROVIDE THIS GROUP WITH A TOP-LEVEL SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM. END COMMENT
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